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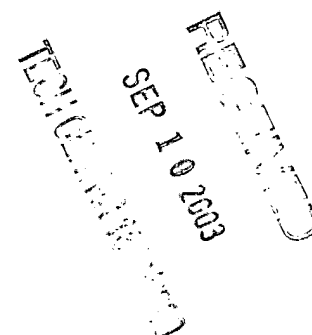
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FOR : METHOD FOR PRODUCTION OF GERANYLGERANIOL AND
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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On August 7, 2003, the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement in the above identified application, which includes claims 1 and 2.

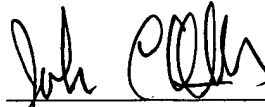
Applicants provisionally elect Group I which includes claim 1, drawn to a microbial process of making geranylgeraniol and/or farnesol, classified in class 435, subclass 155.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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